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SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR

1. AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES
WAS PUBLISHED ON APRIL 23. AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION
FOLLOWS:

A) THE GENERAL STAFF
OF THE ARMED FORCES OF EL SALVADOR
AND HONDURAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT OF SAN JOSAEAND THE
PACIFICATION PLAN, HAVE BEEN HAVING INTERVIEWS AT DIFFERENT
FRONTIER AREAS OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO HAVE A MORE
COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MILITARY PROBLEMS WHICH ARISE AND
THUS FIND SOLUTIONS TO THEM.

B) PRESENTLY, THESE INTERVIEWS ARE TAKING PLACE IN A MORE
EXTENSIVE FORM, AND COMMANDERS AND MEMBERS OF THE RESPECTIVE
GENERAL STAFFS ARE PARTICIPATING.

C) PERIODIC INTERVIEWS AND DIRECT TELEPHONE LINES HAVE
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BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE SUBORDINATE COMMANDS OF BOTH

FRONTIER ZONES, SO THAT THEY CAN GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER AND COOPERATE IN THE SOLUTION OF ANY IMMEDIATE PROBLEM.

D) THE LAST INTERVIEW BETWEEN THE CHIEFS OF THE GENERAL STAFF AND COMMANDERS OF FRONTIER AREAS TOOK PLACE ON THE 18TH OF APRIL IN NUEVA OCOTEPEQUE. IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR BOTH COUNTRIES WERE DISCUSSED.

E) THIS LAST INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE IN A CLIMATE OF CORDIALITY. THE RECENT EVENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE COUNTRY HAVE NOT CHANGED THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO ARMED FORCES.

2. COMMENT: THE ISSUANCE OF THE COMMUNIQUE AT THIS TIME IS INTENDED TO REASSURE PUBLIC OPINION THAT RELATIONS WITH EL SALVADOR HAVE NOT WORSENERED AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGES IN HONDURAS. IN PARTICULAR, IT SEEKS TO ALLAY FEARS ABOUT THE BORDER SITUATION. FOR FORTHER DETAILS ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO MILITARY COMMANDS, SEE TDFIRDB-315/04837-75. SANCHEZ

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